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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER FOUR

1. EGYPTIAN POSTURE AS PEACE CONFERENCE APPROACHES

A. GOE PUBLIC POSITION TOUGH AND DETERMINED

IN A DECEMBER 8 POLICY STATEMENT, THE GOE DREW PUBLIC AND ARAB ATTENTION TO THREE PRINCIPLES TO WHICH EGYPT WILL ADHERE IN THE FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE. EGYPT WILL NOT PERMIT THE CONFERENCE TO BE USED AS A MEANS TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS AND REFUSES TO DISCUSS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OR THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. EGYPT BELIEVES THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A FIRM EXPRESSION OF THEIR "LEGAL EXISTENCE, AND A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS." USINT CAIRO COMMENTS THAT THE SECRET

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STATEMENT STILL PERMITS SADAT TO MOVE IN A RELATIVELY UNRESTRICTED MANNER ON THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE. (CONFIDENTIAL CAIRO 3868, 12/9.

B. MILITARY PROBES TO CONTINUE?

NEWSWEEK'S DE BORCHGRAVE WAS TOLD BY A *ENIOR EGYPTIAN STAFF OFFICER THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY INTENDS TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT TROOP PROBES ON THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE SUEZ CANAL BEFORE AND DURING THE UPCOMING PEACE CONFERENCE. THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROBES IS TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE US AND ISRAEL. THE OFFICER FURTHER STATED THAT EGYPT WILL KNOW IN THE FIRST 48 HOURS OF THE CONFERENCE WHETHER MEANINGFUL TALKS LEADING TO A QUICK DISENGAGEMENT ARE INTENDED. (SECRET) CAIRO 3866, 12/9 (EXDIS).

2. OPEC ANNOUNCES 5 PERCENT OIL REDUCTION FOR JANUARY

ARAB OIL PRODUCERS MEETING IN KUWAIT HAVE DECIDED TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION A FURTHER 5 PERCENT IN JANUARY. UNNAMED ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SEVERED RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE JANUARY REDUCTION. EMBASSY KUWAIT COMMENTS THAT THE OPEC RESOLUTION SUGGESTS A HARDENING OF THE ARAB POSITION, BUT MAY NOT BE THE FINAL WORD SINCE THE OIL MINISTERS WILL BE MEETING AGAIN THIS MONTH AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) KUWAIT 4281, 12/9. RUSH

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